

# Grant Grove Ranger Programs

## July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Sequoia and Kings Canyon  
National Parks



### Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

1:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

8:00 PM Evening Program

*The Predator Dilemma*

### Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

### Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Ranger in the Grove

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

7:30 PM Family Campfire

8:00 PM The Making of a Modern Day Chief:

Charlie Cook \* Special Feature

### Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:30 PM Sequoia Saunter

### Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Fridays for Families

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:00 PM Bird Watching

2:00 PM Whispers from Big Stump

3:00 PM The California Grizzly

8:00 PM Evening Program

*A Visit with John Muir*

### Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

8:00 PM Evening Program:

*Adaptations of Mammals in the Sierra Nevada*

8:30 PM Flashlight Hike

### Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Back to Basics

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2 & 3:00 PM Big Tree Talk

3:30 PM Owls, Masters of the Night

8:00 PM Evening Program:

*A Universe of Stars*

### Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

8:00 PM Evening Program:

*The Predator Dilemma*

## Program Descriptions

**Back to Basics:** *Wilderness Skills.*

Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Learn valuable backpacking skills for ease and safety in our Wilderness with the help of a Sequoia naturalist. (SFI) 45 minutes

**Big Tree Talk:** Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to find out what it takes to be one of the largest trees on earth. (NPS) 20 minutes

**Bird Watching:** Meet at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to discover the various kinds of birds in the Sierra Nevada. Binoculars provided. (NPS) ½ mile walk, 1 hour

**California Grizzly:** The grizzly bear disappeared from California in 1922, when the last one was shot right here in Tulare County. Meet Ranger Frank at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn more about the history of this magnificent bear. 30 minutes.

**Evening Program:** Join a ranger at the Sunset Campground Amphitheater for a slide show about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon National Park so special. *Come 15 minutes early if turning in a completed Junior Ranger booklet.* (NPS) 1 hour.

**Family Campfire:** Meet at the John Muir Lodge. Meet a Sequoia naturalist for an hour of stories behind the scenes of our

National Park. Feel free to bring fixings for S'Mores. (SFI) 1 hour

**Flashlight Hike:** Join a Sequoia Naturalist to explore the world of nocturnal creatures. Meet at the John Muir Lodge lobby. (SFI) 1 hour

**Fridays for Families:** Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Join a Sequoia Naturalist to learn their tricks for spotting wildlife, how to distinguish conifers of the Sierra Nevada, and gain other insights and skills. (SFI) 1 hour

**Grant Tree Walk:** This easy walk through the sequoia grove is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for centuries. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot. (NPS) 1 hour, ½ mile.

**Owls, Masters of the Night:**

Wherever you go in the parks, you are probably in the home of an owl. Meet Ranger Anna in the Discovery Room at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn why owls are so successful. 30 minutes.

**Ranger in the Grove:** How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger or volunteer naturalist along the Grant Tree Trail to have your giant sequoia questions answered. *Informal, ongoing, 1 ½ hours.*

**Saunter through the Sequoia's:**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk beside one of America's great conservationists? Here's your chance! Meet at the Grant Tree Trailhead. (NPS) 1.5 miles, 2 hours

**The Making of a Modern Day Chief: Charlie Cooke**

Dr. Mary Louise Contini Gordon, author, will take you on a photographic journey about Chumash Chief Charlie Cooke from her recent book, *TIQ SLO'W: The Making of a Modern Day Chief*. Charlie Cooke collaborated with national and state parks and their leaders at sites in Chumash territory along the California Coast. The story includes the relentless dedication of this cowboy, truck driver, and war veteran to American Indian sites/culture and national and state parks—in some cases one and the same. *Guest Speaker, 1 hour, meet at Sunset Amphitheater*

**Whispers from Big Stump:** Join a Ranger on a journey through the Big Stump Basin to learn about a vital and little-known chapter of California history. Meet at the *Kings Canyon Visitor Center* before driving to the trailhead. (NPS) 1 ½ hours, 1 mile, Moderate

NPS-National Park Service Ranger SFI- Sequoia Field Institute Naturalist, a branch of Sequoia Natural History Association